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Title: CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS, CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. NEW, filed March 26, 2001, and with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_, or

() the specification in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2000-88801	March 28, 2000	YES
Japan	2000-57099	March 2, 2000	NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	U.S. FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

U.S. Application Serial No. NEW Filing Date March 26, 2001

Applicant Reference Number 533278 Atty Docket No. 2001-0348A

Title of Invention CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS, CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

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In re application of :  
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CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS,  
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**COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FILED WITHOUT EXECUTED  
DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) AND IN A LANGUAGE  
OTHER THAN ENGLISH UNDER 37 CFR 1.52(d)**

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Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application entitled "CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS, CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD". This application is submitted in the Japanese language under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.52(d).

Furthermore, the present application is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b), and the application as filed does not include an executed Declaration. However, accompanying the application is an unexecuted Declaration listing the inventor information.

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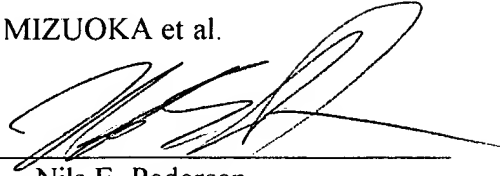
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